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(h) Yes. Officers of the I.A.S. have to pass in one vernacular and officers of the M.A.S. in two vernaculars. A knowledge of the vernacular is essential for officers who have to be in touch with ryots.

Proposed transfer of the Livestock section to the Veterinary department.

*1988 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to transfer the cattle-breeding work from the farms attached to the Livestock section of the Agricultural department to the Veterinary department and, if so, for what reason?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 1987 given to-day.

Opening of an Agricultural demonstration farm in Tiruvallur taluk.

*1989 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a petition was sent to the Department of Agriculture by the ryots of Thandumetta and other villages in the Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, for the opening of an agricultural demonstration farm;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Director of Agriculture promised to open the farm after a road to the extent of 7 or 8 miles between Kannigapperu and Vengal via Thandumetta is laid out;

(c) whether it is a fact that the road referred to in (b) has been sanctioned by the Tiruvallur Taluk Board three years ago;

(d) whether it is a fact that the construction of the road has not so far been taken up;

(e) whether the Government are aware that the delay in constructing the road has been due to the political differences between the villagers concerned and the president of the taluk board; and

(f) whether the Government will consider the desirability of advising the Department of Agriculture to open the agricultural demonstration farm without waiting further for the construction of the road?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The Deputy Director had under consideration a suggestion for opening a demonstration area in the village but gave it up subsequently as there was no road to the place and because the contemplated demonstration would not be of benefit to the public.

(c), (d) & (e) The Government have no information.

(f) No. Our limited resources in men and money can be better expended elsewhere where we are likely to benefit a greater number of people.

Co-operative Societies

Alleged differences among the members of the Nilakkottai Co-operative Union.

*1990 Q.—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Nilakkottai Co-operative Union, Madura district, comprising Kovilpatti, Ettiapatti, Kilakovilpatti, Kombaipatti, Karattupatti and 35 other villages differences have arisen between the president and members of the co-operative union;